

SABERS ATHLETIC AWARDS CELEBRATION 2017

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Athletic awards celebration: sabers.senri.ed.jp/awards

On Friday, June 2, 2017, we held our annual Sabers high school athletic awards celebration. Players and coaches reminisced about the year with photos and videos and with speeches from players of all girls and boys varsity teams.



We honored our high school student-athletes with two kinds of awards:

- 1) three team awards: most improved player (MIP), most valuable player (MVP), and Sabers Spirit Award (SSA), chosen by each team's coaches; and
- 2) two school awards: Sabers Outstanding Athlete of the Year and Dr. Fukuda Scholar Athlete, chosen by coaches and school administrators.

School award winners

- **Outstanding Athletes of the Year: Leona Benfield, Aki Shigeyama**

This award is presented to Sabers student-athletes, female and male, who have shown high levels of athletic skill, team leadership, and personal determination as a member of at least two varsity teams. Recipients of this award are positive role models and good representatives of SOIS. Leona Benfield (SIS graduate) and Aki Shigeyama (OIS 12) are very deserving recipients: both were captains, MVPs, and/or all-AISA players in their respective sports.

- **Dr. Fukuda Scholar Athletes: Haruna Tomiguchi, Leo Roberts**

This award is presented to Sabers student-athletes who have achieved high academic levels and have played active roles in school and community service while a member of at least two varsity teams. The winners of this top award show that one can maintain high academic standards and contribute to the school community while participating in sports. The coaches and administrators were very proud to present the Dr. Fukuda Scholar Athlete awards to Haruna Tomiguchi (SIS 12) and Leo Roberts (OIS 12), both first-class Sabers athletes with very high grades.

Sabers Spirit <http://sabers.senri.ed.jp/spirit-sportsmanship.html>

Haruna, Leo, Aki, and Leona all epitomize what we expect our Sabers student-athletes to be. We congratulate and thank all Sabers players, coaches, administrators, and parents.



2017 Sabers athletics awards recipients

